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INVENTOR: N. Brandon et al.)
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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the final rejection in the Office Action mailed May 26, 2004,
applicants enclose the following declarations under Rule 131:

- Declaration Under Rule 131 of Jay Anderson
- Declaration Under Rule 131 of Nancy W. Brandon
- Declaration Under Rule 131 of Charles R. Cowan
- Declaration Under Rule 131 of Patricia Gongla
- Declaration Under Rule 131 of Eric Klein
- Declaration Under Rule 131 of Michael A. Limanni
- Declaration Under Rule 131 of Felicia Paduano
- Declaration Under Rule 131 of Richard A. Reece
- Declaration Under Rule 131 of Christine Rizzuto

Claims 1-26 have been finally rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by Shetty U.S. Patent Publication No. US 2003/0084011 A1. Applicants continue to respectfully traverse this rejection for the reasons given in the previous amendment dated March 5, 2004.

In response to the Examiner's comments concerning the previously submitted declaration by Michael A. Limanni under 37 CFR § 1.131 to swear behind the reference date of April 26, 2001 of Shetty, applicants enclose the aforementioned declarations to establish facts showing conception of this invention in this country prior to the April 26, 2001, and due diligence from a time prior to that date until the application was filed and constructively reduced to practice on June 15, 2001.

The declarations submitted by the inventors Brandon, Cowan, Gongla, Klein, Limanni, Paduano, Reece and Rizzuto establish that each and every limitation of claim 1 of the above-referenced application is disclosed in the attached invention disclosure, created and dated prior to April 26, 2001, but redacted to protect confidential information (the "Disclosure"). A comparison of the limitations of claim 1 and the Disclosure is as follows: